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State Updates

Vermont Housing and Credit Counselling to Launch Behavioral Health Housing in South Burlington

The Vermont Housing and Credit Counselling (VHC) announced that it will lead a new program targeting at-risk tenants in the South Burlington area. The new program will focus on providing supported housing to individuals with behavioral health needs who are at risk of eviction due to their mental health or substance use issues.

Legislative Update: Senate Draft Emergency Rent Relief Bill

On January 5, the Senate Committee on Housing, Local and State Government approved the Emergency Rent Relief Bill, which provides over $650 million in state rental assistance for eligible tenants and property owners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Enterprise and the NHP Foundation Find Many K-12 Students Face Housing Challenges

A new report released by Enterprise and the NHP Foundation finds that many K-12 students face housing challenges, including affordability, stability, and quality. The report highlights the need for increased investments in affordable housing and supports for schools and families.

Federal Updates

Washington, D.C. to Release $1.9 Billion in Emergency Rental Assistance

The federal government will release $1.9 billion in emergency rental assistance to states and local governments, with a maximum of $500 million per state. The funds will be used to prevent evictions and provide rental relief to eligible tenants and property owners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Vermont Housing Reserves $457 Million in Emergency Rental Assistance from Coronavirus Relief Package

Vermont has reserved $457 million in emergency rental assistance from the Coronavirus Relief Package to prevent evictions and provide rental relief to eligible tenants and property owners impacted by the pandemic.

Recent Research

ILHIC: Multifamily Rent-For-Reasonable Report for March 2021

The Illinois Low Income Housing Coalition (ILHIC) released its March 2021 Multifamily Rent-For-Reasonable report, which found that the average rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Illinois is $1,280 per month, a 2.7% increase from January 2021. The report also found that the rent burden for low-income households has increased, with 57% of households spending more than 30% of their income on housing.

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